

Deadlines for meeting new UST requirements:

**July 24, 2018 – Effective Immediately**

- 1) Existing UST systems that have not met the 1998 UST upgrade requirements must be permanently closed by following the requirements in 20.5.115 NMAC.
- 2) Owners and operators must notify the department 30 days prior to changing contents to gasoline with greater than 10% ethanol, diesel with greater than 20% biodiesel, or any other regulated substance identified by the department. The notification must include letters from equipment manufacturers stating the equipment is compatible with the substance stored. (20.5.107.708 NMAC)
- 3) Flow restrictors, aka ball float valves, can no longer be installed or replaced as overfill prevention on USTs. (20.5.106.613.C NMAC)
- 4) Functionality testing of automatic line leak detectors must include a simulated leak. (20.5.108.810.A(2) NMAC)
- 5) All release detection methods except for inventory control and manual tank gauging must be third party certified. (20.5.108.800.A(5) NMAC)
- 6) Monthly walk-through inspections must include inspections of the spill prevention and overfill prevention for damage or inoperability, containment sumps, and release detection equipment

for alarms. Monthly release detection data must be reviewed by owners, operators, and Class A/B operators. (20.5.107.707 NMAC)

- 7) Underground piping repaired or replaced must be double-walled with containment sumps at both ends. The piping must be interstitially monitored every 30 days. (20.5.106.606.C(3) NMAC)
- 8) New UST systems must be registered with the department within 60 days of placing a regulated substance in the tank. (20.5.102.202 NMAC)
- 9) New UST emergency generator systems must meet release detection requirements upon installation. (20.5.113.1304 NMAC)
- 10) Persons performing required tests such as, but not limited to, tank & line tightness tests, functionality tests of automatic line leak detectors and sensors, and tests of cathodic protection systems must meet the requirements in 20.5.105.504 NMAC.
- 11) Facilities without a current and valid registration certificate due to failure to pay tank fees must place their tank systems into temporary closure or permanent closure. (20.5.102.200.E NMAC)

**July 24, 2019 – Effective One Year Later**

- 1) Release detection equipment must be inspected or tested for operability and serviceability. (20.5.108 NMAC)
- 2) Hybrid tank systems must have redundant automatic shutoff and manual override equipment on piping transferring a regulated substance from the AST to the UST. (20.5.114.1402.A NMAC)

**July 24, 2021 – Effective Three Years Later**

- 1) Spill prevention equipment must be tested by this date and every three years thereafter. Double walled spill buckets may be monitored every 30 days in lieu of periodic testing. (20.5.107.704.C NMAC)
- 2) Overfill prevention equipment must be tested by this date and every three years thereafter. (20.5.107.704.E NMAC)
- 3) Containment sumps used for interstitial monitoring of underground piping must be tested by this date and every three years thereafter. Double walled sumps may be monitored every 30 days in lieu of periodic testing. (20.5.107.706 NMAC)
- 4) Existing UST systems used for emergency power generation must meet release detection requirements. (20.5.113.1303 NMAC)

## **Reminders of Past Deadlines**

### **July 1, 2012 – Class A/B Operator Training (20.5.104 NMAC)**

- 1) Owners and operators of existing USTs must have met the requirements for operator training by this date.
- 2) Owners and operators of new UST systems shall meet requirements upon installation.

### **April 4, 2008 – Secondary Containment (20.5.106.606 NMAC)**

- 1) UST systems installed or replaced after this date must be secondarily contained.
- 2) UST systems installed or replaced after this date must use interstitial monitoring as release detection for both tanks and piping.

**Note: This document is a resource to  
promote compliance and does not replace the  
UST regulations in 20.5 NMAC**

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